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Top DEP Stories

WITF/StateImpact: DEP proposes fee increase to improve drinking water standards

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Morning Call: Delaware Riverkeeper takes legal action against DEP for PennEast decision

<http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-penn-east-lawsuit-20170228-story.html>

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Post-Gazette: Shale gas driller fined \$1.2M for contaminating drinking water in Westmoreland

<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/westmoreland/2017/02/28/WPX-Energy-Appalachia-shale-gas-company-fined-Pennsylvania-water-contamination-Westmoreland-County/stories/201702280305>

Post-Gazette LTE: Pa. must focus on bolstering its environmental laws

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Air

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Tribune-Review: Roadwork to close Hempfield walking trail
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The Almanac: Expansion planned for Fairview Park in South Fayette
http://www.thealmanac.net/20170227/expansion_planned_for_fairview_park_in_south_fayette

Energy

Record Argus News: Municipalities seek savings with new LED streetlights
http://www.recordargusnews.com/news/2017-03-01/Front_Page/Municipalities_seek_savings_with_new_LED_streetlig.html

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<http://www.ydr.com/story/news/2017/02/28/met-ed-puts-high-tech-meters-york-county-homes/94678076/>

Reading Eagle: UGI Utilities to hike rates for gas customers
<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/ugi-utilities-to-hike-rates-for-gas-customers>

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<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/reading-environmental-advisory-council-meets-new-sustainability-manager>

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Waste Today: Covanta seeks to open transfer station in Pennsylvania

<http://www.wastetodaymagazine.com/article/covanta-pennsylvania-transfer-station-permit/>

Water

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WITF: Probe of school water problems suggests employee misconduct
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Standard Speaker: Butler Twp. supers, well owner leery of water proposal
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Vector management

WITF: State says too early to tell if West Nile threat is higher because of warm winter
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KDKA: City Councilwoman Proposes Free Water Filters For Families With Small Children

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2017/02/28/city-councilwoman-proposes-free-water-filters-for-families-with-small-children/>

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